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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the below Amendment, originally filed November 21, 2001 in response to the Notification of Defective Response mailed October 24, 2001, be entered. Applicants have attached the stamped postcard indicating the original filing date of this document.

In the specification:

In this patent application, please consider the following amendments to the specification, which are made to comply with 37 C.F.R. *1.821(d):

Page 9, second full paragraph:

The enzyme used in the process is preferably a mutant of P450_{cam} (such as mutant of the sequence shown in table 7; nucleic acid sequence is SEQ ID NO:1, amino acid sequence